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STATEMENT SHOWING THE NAME OF THE STATE/U.T. AND THE NUMBER OF DEPOTS RUNNING UNDER CONTRACT SYSTEM IS AS UNDER

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of Depots running under Contract System
1.	Bihar	33
2.	Orissa	27
3.	West Bengal	40
4.	Sikkim	2
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
6.	Assam	4
7.	Meghalaya	6
8.	Manipur	3
9.	Mizoram	6
10.	Nagaland	6
11.	Tripura	7
12.	Delhi	4
13	Haryana	89
14.	Himachal Pradesh	14
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
16.	Punjab	409
17.	Chandigarh	16
18.	Rajasthan	90
19.	Uttar Pradesh	208
20.	Andhra Pradesh	139
21.	Kerala	31
22.	Karnataka	46
23.	Tamil Nadu	25
24.	Pondicherry	3
25.	Gujarat	43
26.	Maharashtra	44
27.	Goa	1
28.	Madhya Pradesh	134
	Total	1439

Free Sale Sugar Quota

5552. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to release 20,000 tonnes of sugar under free sale quota; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh in June, 1996 requested for release of an additional freesale quota of 20,000 tonnes of sugar in respect of different units of Nizam Sugars Ltd., as a special case.

During the month of June, 1996, apart from the normal quota of 7,40,000 MTs of freesale sugar, an additional quota of 50,000 MTs was released. In addition, the sugar factories were permitted to sell 30% more sugar over and above their quota. As such, it was decided that there was no need to grant further additional freesale quotas to any particular sugar factory.

Tenders for Distribution of Bills in South Delhi

5553. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications have floated open tenders for delivery of telephone bills to the subscribers in South Delhi area on 21.6.1996;

(b) if so, whether the above Department subsequently floated limited tenders from the selected and limited contractors already in the list of the Department;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for floating open tenders and subsequently limited tenders thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Sir, the Department of Telecommunications has not floated any tender for the delivery of Telephone bills. However, MTNL, Delhi had invited open tenders for the delivery of Telephone Bills to the subscribers of areas of South-I and South-II which were opened on 23.2.96.

(b) MTNL, Delhi subsequently invited limited tenders for the delivery of bills for a period of one month to three months from the contractors.

(c) Total 9 offers for South-I area and 8 offers for South-II area were received.

(d) As the earlier contract had expired, open tenders were floated to approve fresh contractors to deliver the bills to the customers' premises. Anticipating delay, due to certain procedural and administrative reasons in the finalisation of open tenders, limited tenders were invited for the delivery of bills for a period of 1 to 3 months pending finalisation of open tender. The limited tender call, however, has not been finalised and at present the bills are being delivered by post.

Ranchi-Patna-Mumbai Air Service

5554. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ranchi-Patna-Mumbai air services have been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reintroduce the air service on the above route ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Due to shortage of pilots, Indian Airlines had withdrawn their twice weekly service on sector Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Mumbai from December, 1992.

(c) Sahara India Airlines and Indian Airlines are operating to these places as per details given below :

Indian Airlines	**Frequency/Week**
Mumbai-Varanasi-Lucknow-Mumbai	3
Calcutta-Ranchi-Patna-Calcutta	2
Delhi-Patna-Ranchi-Delhi	7
Delhi-Lucknow-Patna-Calcutta and return	3
Sahara India Airlines	
Mumbai-Ranchi-Patna-Delhi	3
Delhi-Ranchi-Patna-Mumbai	2
Delhi-Patna-Ranchi-Mumbai	1
Delhi-Ranchi-Patna-Delhi	3

Doordarshan Projects in Andhra Pradesh

5555. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM :
SHRI K.S. RAYADU :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of TV transmitters in Andhra Pradesh, location-wise;

(b) the number of Districts covered under the TV transmitter;

(c) whether representations have been received for setting up of TV transmitters in the State, location-wise;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to install TV relay centre in Narsapuram so that programmes could be clear in East and West Godavari; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Sixty one TV Transmitters of varying powers are, at present, functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The location-wise details of the TV Transmitters are given in the Statement.

(b) All the twenty three districts in Andhra Pradesh are, either wholly or partially, covered by the TV Transmitters functioning in the State.

(c) and (d) Representations are received from various quarters including the representatives of the people, from time to time, for expansion of TV service in hitherto uncovered/partly covered parts of the country including Andhra Pradesh. Doordarshan in its endeavour to augment TV service throughout the country considers these representation depending on various factors such as extent of resultant coverage; service to hilly, back-ward, tribal, remote, sensitive and border areas and availability of basic infrastructural facilities.

(e) and (f) There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up a TV Transmitter at Narsapuram in Andhra Pradesh. The West Godavari District which lies in the coverage zone of the High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) functioning at Vijayawada, is expected to receive TV service from the said Transmitter subject to local terrain conditions. As regards the East Godavari District, it is expected to receive TV service from the HPT presently under implementation at Rajamundry subject to local terrain conditions, when commissioned into service. The installation work of HPT at Rajamundry is expected to be completed during 1997-98.

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LIST SHOWING THE EXISTING TV TRANSMITTERS IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH

HPTs

Anantapur
Hyderabad
Nandyal